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For: A METHOD AND STORAGE SYSTEM THAT ENABLE)	
SHARING FILES AMONG MULTIPLE SERVERS)	
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RESPONSE AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is being submitted in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and in response to the Final Office Action mailed on December 29, 2005, the period of response to which is set to expire on March 29, 2006. Please amend the above-referenced application as follows: